

SOME OF THE EARLY TEACHERS AT NO. 13 WALLACETOWN,

SENIOR TEACHERS

- MR. ORR
- D. P. Mc. COLL
- ARTHUR VOADEN
- JAED VOADEN
- ALBERT PATTERSON 1894
- ALEX. TURNER
- DUNCAN TURNER
- HENRY WING 1899-1900
- ARTHUR CURTIS
- GORDON GRIFFIN
- WALTER MODREHOUSE
- ELDRIDGE DOYKE
- PEARL BAKER
- ARCHIE BLUE
- ALLY BANDEEN

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Taught Wallacetown School 48 Years Ago

WALLACETOWN—A native of Wallacetown, Mrs. Richard Weir, died in Galt on Monday morning. She observed her 88th birthday last week.

The former Tena McGregor, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Colin McGregor, her father operating a livery in Dutton at one time.

Mrs. Weir was a graduate of Toronto Normal School and taught at Wallacetown and Sombra prior to going to Galt 48 years ago.

Surviving are one son, James Weir, 42 Pollock avenue, Galt, with whom she resided, and two nieces, Mrs. Fern Hibbert and Miss A. M. McIntyre, Toronto.

The funeral was held in Galt this (Wednesday) afternoon, interment being made at Ayr.

- MARY GUNN
- MISS SEARLE
- EMMA LYONS
- LIZZIE CAMPBELL
- FRAGIE Mc DONNELL
- MISS PHALEN
- KATE Mc KILLOP
- KATE Mc GUIRE
- FLORA Mc COLL
- ANNABEL Mc FARLANE
- 1912 GLADYS KEILLOR
- MISS GOFF

ASSISTANT TEACHERS

Dunwich Township Schools Hold Fair at Wallacetown

T.S. Sept 29 1956

WALLACETOWN (Staff) — Results in the individual classes reserved for public school children of Dunwich Township were released by Wallacetown Fair Secretary-Treasurer Humphrey Campbell.

Listed as winners in the various sections were: Art, Grade one, Cairine Bell, Earl Gale, Cheryl Sutherland, Susan Lyons; Grade two, Sharon Robbins, Richard Sterling, Linda Rapelje, Bonnie Bogart; Grade three, Grace Norman, Eva Norman, Fay Norman, Gloria Swain; Grade four, Judy Paton, Sharon Beecroft, Betty Watson, Patsy Rowe; Grade five, Dan McIntosh, Kay Conn, Grace Pearce, Keith Campbell; Grade six, Lloyd McArthur, Marjorie Pyatt, Wayne Lunn, Judy Sutherland.

Grade seven, Caroline Rapelje, Yvonne Robbins, Henry Blommers, Jamey Campbell; Grade eight, Marjorie Moos, David Robbins, Pamela Campbell, Kenneth Ripley.

Writing

Grade one, Jimmy Doolittle, Janette Reeves, Wayne Henderson, Michael Kettleburger; Grade two, Sandra Hodder, Paula Emmett, Mary McKenzie, Jamie Littlejohn; Grade three, Esther Toricht, Darwin Hoglund, Carol Wells, Gordon Ross; Grade four, Sandra Waucaush, Doyle Henderson, Judy Paton, Donna Hill.

Grade five, Rosalie Redinger, Bob Woods, Marion Murray, Marjorie Palmateer; Grade six, Charlene Waucaush, Vimy Davies, Anke Vandersleep, James Burch; Grade seven, Kathy Drummelsmith, Kenneth Lyons, Colin Blackburn, Henry Blommers; Grade eight, Marjorie Maus, Mabel Hardy, Eleanor Maas, Laurine Campbell.

Specials

Best writing, Grades one and two, Jimmy Doolittle; Grades three and four, Sandra Waucaush; Grades five and six, Charlene Waucaush; Grades seven and eight, Marjorie Maas.

Best art, Grades one and two, Cairine Bell; Grades three and four, Grace Norman; Grades five and six, Dan McIntosh; Grades seven and eight, Marjorie Maas.

Crafts

Grades five and six, Dan McIntosh, Barbara Rooyakkers, Janice Bury, Marion Murray; Grades seven and eight, Calvin Newham, Pauline Milligan, Harold Hodder, Kenneth Ripley; Wooden toy, seniors, Dan McIntosh, Dennis Beecroft, Kenneth Ripley, Robert Robbins; Wooden toys, junior, Donald Bobier, Terry Bogart, Rickie Sterling, Grace Norman;

Wooden door stop, seniors, Marion Murray, Barbara Rooyakkers, Fred Small, Kay Conn; Wooden door stop, juniors, Judy Paton, Thomas Drummelsmith, Susan Dupuy, John Guest.

Felt flower corsage, seniors, Kay Conn, Ruth Gowan, Marion Murray, Dan McIntosh; felt flower corsage, juniors, Cairine Bell, Linda Compeau, Donald Bobier, Judy Paton; Book of drawings, senior, Douglas Peters, Grethe Pedersen, Jack Gammon, Helen Webster; Book of drawings, junior, Judy Paton, Thomas Drummelsmith, Eva Norman, Grace Norman.

Health poster, senior, Virginia Lidster, Gary Smith, Bobby Mcmillan, Kenneth Ripley; health poster, junior, Donald Bobier, Paul Brown, Bev Small, Judy Paton; Relief map of Canada, John Vandemere, Edward Ford, Mary Brown, Bob Campbell.

Special by Dunwich Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company for drawings of house depicting common fire hazards, Grades seven and eight, Janice Bury, Kathy Drummelsmith, Jim McWilliam, James Campbell; Grades five and six, Shirley Cameron, Ruth Gowan, Sharon Campbell.

Butter posters, senior, Marilyn Murray, Alfred Newman, Joe Walls; Butter posters, junior, Marguerite Lackey, Evelyn Sloan, Judy Paton.

Farm Produce

Hubbard squash, seniors, Helen Webster, Harold Hodder, Marilyn Campbell, Keith Barfett; hubbard squash, juniors, Linda Webster, Cairine Bell, Gloria Swain, Ann Cockell; Three sweet peppers, senior, Michael McKillop, Dawn Morrison, Joseph Leduc, Shirley Cameron; Sweet peppers, junior, Gregory Gow, Mary McKillop, Eva Norman, Billy McDonald.

Spanish onions, senior, Mary Brown, Bob Lunn, Sheila Hull, Kenneth Clarke; Spanish onions, junior, Mike Brown, Michael Betts, Billy McDonald, Richard Cook; Quart wheat, seniors, Keith Campbell, Grace Pearse, John Vandermeer, Douglas Cameron; Quart wheat, juniors, Joyce Pearse, James Vandermeer, Wayne McMillan, Fay Norman; White beans, senior, Fred Small, Dennis Beecroft, Harold Hodder, Marilyn Campbell; White beans, junior, Cairine Bell, Betty McKillop, Audrey McKillop, Ronald Lachie.

Baking

Plain spice cake, Cheryl Graham, Norma Cameron, Florence Lapadat, Gloria Swain; Choco-

late cake, Dawn Morrison, Sharon Campbell, Judy Milligan, Pat Wells; Six bran muffins, Cheryl Graham, Linda Graham, Judy Paton, Mary A. McKillop; Christmas cookies, Donna Watts, Ruth Gowan, Mary Brown.

Poultry, Barred Rock cockerel and pullet, Bob Ashby; Hybrid cockerel and pullet, Douglas Cameron, David Small, Arthur McCann, Garry Graham; Any pet, Joe Leduc, Dawn Morrison, Alfred Newhome, Rob Roy McGregor.

Arnold Catt Top Driver

WALLACETOWN (Staff) — A young man won the championship driving competition for Elgin County here Friday, but he had to defeat two ladies to do it.

The winners of the three local competitions met after the Wallacetown Fair tests were completed and Arnold Catt, of R.R. 2, St. Thomas, was crowned champion. He defeated 18-year-old Miss Maribel McCallum, of R.R. 2, Dutton, the Wallacetown winner, and Mrs. Neil McCallum, of R.R. 1, Iona Station (the former Muriel Laidlaw), who won at Aylmer. Arnold Catt was also local winner at the Shedden Fair.

The safe driving tests at three Elgin fairs were sponsored by Elgin County Junior Farmers and Junior Institute. The test at Rodney was under the sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce.

Eight contestants entered the local driving test and quiz. Miss McCallum, of R.R. 2, Dutton, became the second female at 1956 tests to defeat the best driving ability males had to offer.

Entrants in order of final standing were:

Miss Maribel McCallum, R.R. 2, Dutton; Duncan McTavish, R.R. 2, Dutton; Hugh Breen, R.R. 1, Fingal; Clifford Campbell, R.R. 1, Iona Station; Jim Reeves, R.R. 1, Iona Station; Allister Cameron, R.R. 3, Dutton; Douglas Small, Iona Station; Lawrence Pollard, Iona Station.

Beef Cattle

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the Aberdeen-Angus class, sharing the prize money with Ed. Piercy, of Dresden.

Commercial Class

Don Edwards, of Watford, was also top exhibitor in the commercial class showing the top animals in four of the finished market sections. Other top winners were Bob Leitch, Dutton; Hugh McPhail, Iona Station; Donald Leitch, Dutton; John C. Brown, Fingal; Stuart McWilliam, Dutton; Roy McNeil, Dutton; Mack Sturgis, Dresden; Wesley Stafford, Shedden; Frank Manning, Iona Station; Hugh Orchard, Shedden; Dr. D. A. Monteith, Shedden.

Top exhibitors in the feeder classes were Hugh McPhail, Iona Station; Tom Hardy Jr., Melbourne; Stuart McWilliam, Dutton; Donald Leitch, Dutton; Ray Mullins, R.R. 1, Melbourne; Mac Mullins, R.R. 1, Melbourne; and Don Edwards, Watford.

Farms of District

Revival of Old-Time Custom in Well-Preserved Home of One of Elgin's Early Settlers

Modern Quilters, Members of Church Built in 1827 at Tyrconnell, Meet in Home Also Built in 1820's; Reminiscences of Col. Talbot

The old-time quilting bee, which played so pleasant and important a role in pioneer life has never really been given up entirely. There has been many a quilting down through the years, and even though the event has been modified to suit varying circumstances now, it still retains its fundamental characteristics of an important piece of work being done together by friends sociably.

Even during this past year there have been many quilts made and then completed by groups of friends at quiltings, indeed maybe more than usual this year with the Centennial celebration of the County in mind. But not many perhaps had quite so close a link with pioneer days as that held at the home of the Misses Frances and Eva Pearce, Wallacetown, one day during the spring. It wasn't the first time by any means that the Dorcas Society of St. Peter's Anglican Church, Tyrconnell, had met there for such a purpose, since for over thirty years they have been meeting regularly in the different members' homes to quilt for missions and, during the war, for the Red Cross Society.

But this time, in the year of the Centennial of the County, the gathering was especially history-conscious. The church to which they belong is observing its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary in October of this year and many of them are descendants of the men and women who were responsible for the erection of the church and who were present at its opening service a century and a quarter ago. And on this day they were gathered in a home which had been erected about the same time, and happily engaged in one of the very sociable occupations of those days of long ago, which are being recalled so pleasantly in this Centennial year.

The original owner of this attractive home, which was built some time in the 1820's, was a son of one of the first settlers of the community. It was in 1809, that Mr. and Mrs. John Pearce and three children, Col. and Mrs. Leslie Patterson and their two children, and Mrs.

Mary Storey with her son and two daughters, arrived at Port Talbot from Erie, Pennsylvania. It was a family group, Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Storey being sisters of Col. Patterson, and they settled on adjacent farms along the lake, three beautiful farms, in the centre of which, on land donated by Mrs. Storey, the pioneer church was later to be built.

WELCOMED BY COL. TALBOT

The little group of early settlers was warmly welcomed by Col. Thomas Talbot, with whom Col. Patterson and Mr. Pearce had made arrangements to purchase farms when they had visited the district the year before, seeking new homes under the British flag. At the end of their long and tedious journey, the travelers, on disembarking at Port Talbot, were greeted most kindly by the Colonel, who carried up the steep hill the Peaces' little son, William, aged four.

It was this William, who, later grown to manhood, and seeking land on which to make a home for himself, chose a pleasant site a few miles north from his father's home on the lakeside, chose it partly because the Indians had a camping ground just over the hill, proving that there was a good water supply nearby. It was a method of choice well justified, for there were found to be three good springs on the property. Here, he built his home, a pleasant low frame dwelling, with a bright central room with a big fireplace, a hallway, and three bedrooms.

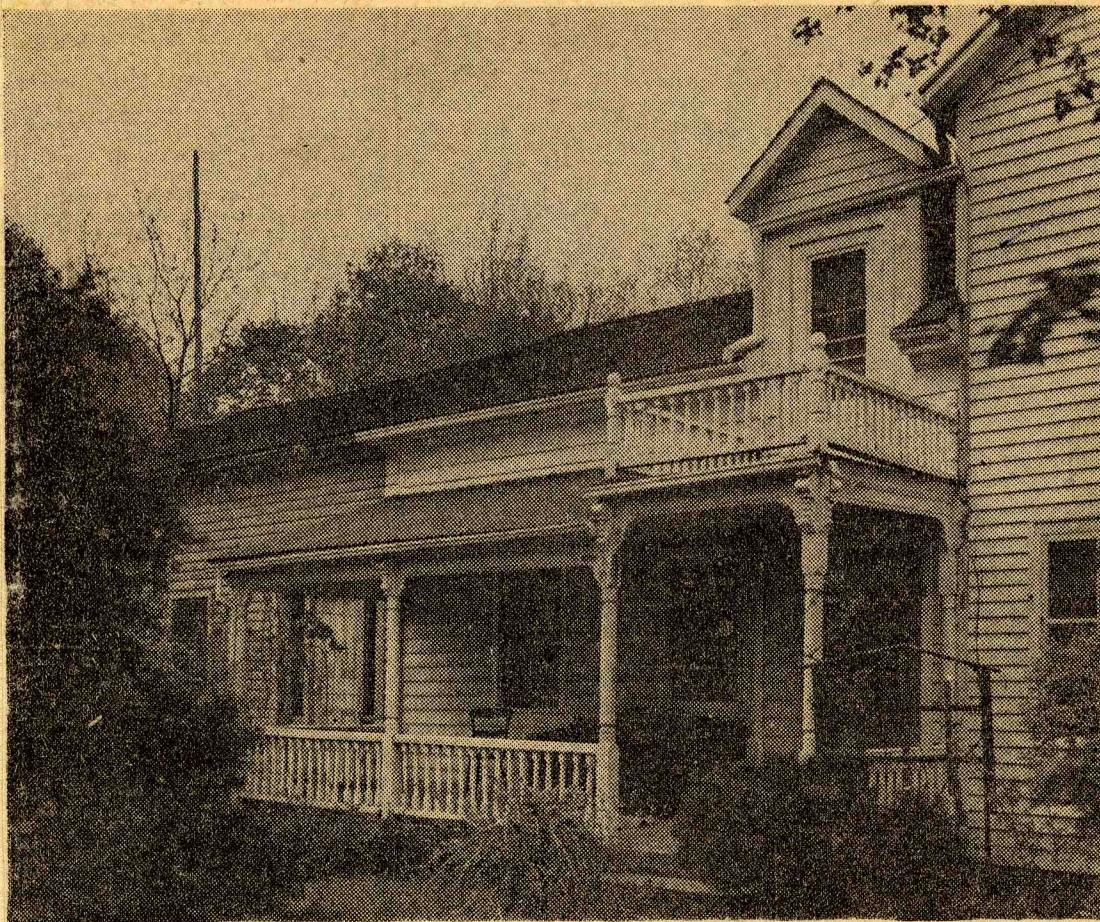
A barn was to be built shortly, but one of the very first buildings after the house was a honey house, in order that his household might have a supply of honey. A traveling carpenter erected this, an artist craftsman, for architecturally it is a gem of a little building, with Gothic touches and a scalloped trim under the eaves, fashioned of unpainted pine, a beautiful weathered little building, now standing at the gate of the lovely old-fashioned garden.

It obviously belongs in this old-time garden, just as does the rare white feather tree, and the Queen of the Prairie rose plan-

ted in the time of William Pearce, the timeless old hemlock and the pines planted as strippling trees by the first owner, and just as the old-time shrubs and flowers do, flowers and shrubs like those that earlier generations also loved and tended.

PIONEER HOME

It was to this pleasant home that William Pearce brought his bride, the former Anne Moorehouse, a native of Wexford, Ireland, who had come to Canada with her parents in the early 1820's. And it was in the main room of their home that the Dorcas Society of the pioneer church which they used to attend, and of which their descendants have been devout and active members ever since, met to quilt. The big, open fireplace, where the cooking used



FINE, OLD PIONEER HOME HAS INTERESTING HISTORY

Photo by Stollery

Set far back from the road, with one lane leading from near the village of Wallacetown and another from the gravel road that goes south to the lake, this interesting pioneer home of Elgin County is not known to the casual passer-by, although historians from museum and university know and admire it and throngs of friends know well the way

there. The exact date of the erection of the house is not known, but it was not later than the 1820's for it was to this home that the late William Pearce took his bride, the former Anne Moorehouse. A large addition was later erected and the home is a very comfortable and modernly-equipped one, including the section shown in the photograph, which is of the pioneer

home, although the verandah originally went the entire length of the house. On the verandah is shown a couch hand-made of hardwood and put together with wooden pegs in the time of William Pearce. The home is now occupied by three grandchildren of the original owner, Stewart Pearce and the Misses Frances and Eva Pearce.—(Photo by Stollery).

to be done, is now a modern fireplace and substantial additions have been made to the old house, but the old rooms will always retain their characteristic atmosphere, for they have been lived in graciously, hospitably, fully through the years.

It is true the quilting bees of the olden days were different from those of today. It took longer to get from place to place and as the women gathered in their friends' homes it would be for a longer session around the quilting frame. Or maybe, it would be for an apple-paring bee that they met, for they, too, were popular. And for the men-folk there were corn-husking bees, barn raisings, and threshing for comparable community neighborly efforts.

Many a lovely quilt was completed at the quilting bees, many that are still treasured possessions in the families of these pioneer women. And they were skilled, too, at other fine hand-work. Mrs. Pearce, the first chatelaine of the home in which these modern quilters met the other day, was, like many other pioneer women, particularly deft as a needlewoman, and in weaving, and samples of her work are still treasured by the family. A man's shirt, of beautifully fine linen and elaborately fashioned, was recently presented to a museum. Both the linen, from flax grown on the farm, and flannel, from the wool of sheep raised on the farm, were made by the women of the early days, who must have been very busy indeed with spinning and weaving, sewing and knitting, quilting, and a myriad other household tasks, but the work they turned out was something in which their descendants take justifiable pride.

The men's clothing of the day was made by traveling tailors, who went from house to house, just as the traveling carpenters did, artisans who took a great pride in their work and did work of which they might well be proud.

William and Anne Pearce had a family of five girls and two boys, and their son, John L., born there in 1837, was the next owner of the home, where he lived all his life. It was there he brought his bride, the former Rebecca Sifton, of Coyne's Corners, after their wedding in the old church in October, 1875. They had four children, the late William S. Pearce, whose son, John S., now resides on the original John Pearce homestead at the lake; Frances M. Pearce, Eva A. Pearce, and Stewart L. Pearce, who live on the homestead of their grandparents and who carry on the gracious traditions of a hospitable home, in a community noted for its hospitality.

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TALBOT ROAD
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